

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. Applicant also would like to thank the Examiner for his time during a telephone interview. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and the following remarks are presented for the Examiner's consideration.

By way of the present amendment, claims 1, 26, 29, and 32 are currently amended. Claims 1-2, 19-21, and 26-33 stand pending in this application. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Applicant also appreciates the acknowledgement that claims 26-28 contain allowable subject matter.

Claim 26 was amended to comply with the examiner's suggestions to overcome the informality objections. It is respectfully requested that claim 26 now be allowed.

Claims 1 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 for failing to comply with the enablement requirement and for being indefinite. After discussing the claims and the drawings with the Examiner during a telephone interview, the Applicant appreciates that the Examiner acknowledges that the claimed matter is enabled. The 120° rotation is shown, by example, with reference to FIG. 2 and FIG. 4. The left edge of the guard 6 in FIG. 4, when in a trimming mode, becomes the top edge of the guard in FIG. 2, when the guard is placed in an edging mode. Furthermore, claim 1 was amended to delete the "relative to the handle" limitation to make clear that the 120° rotation is relative to the rotational axis. Similarly, Claim 32 was amended to delete the "relative to the shaft" limitation to make clear that the 120° rotation is relative to the rotational axis. It is respectfully requested that claim 1 and claim 32 are now in condition for allowance.

Applicant requests that the indefinite rejection of claims 21 and 33 be withdrawn. The term "horizontal" is defined in the specification and the term is referred to throughout the specification. For example, the specification states that "FIGS. 4 and 5 show the trimmer with the cutting head 1 in the trimming position, that is to say with the cutter line 5 generally horizontal." This is just one example of how the term horizontal is clearly defined in the specification and the drawings.

Claim 29 is amended to depend from claim 26. It is respectfully requested that claim 29 is now in condition for allowance.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in

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condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. W&R-36246.

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